

RELINQUISHMENT OF EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS IN LIBYA

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The Italian Chargé d'Affaires to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

ITALIAN EMBASSY

Washington, October 30, 1912

No. 1704

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE: In accordance with the telegraphic instructions that I have received from His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that in consequence of the recognition by the foreign powers of our sovereignty over Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, the special régime formerly enjoyed by foreigners in those territories, by virtue of the Capitulations of the Ottoman Empire, has ended, in conformity with universally accepted principles of international law. The necessary instructions have consequently been issued to the Royal authorities in Libya for the application to foreigners, from November 1, of the dispositions of the general law, with the reservation of providing for the settlement of all pending questions by eventual accords and further dispositions.

Begging Your Excellency kindly to acknowledge this communication, I have [etc.]

G. CATALANI

The Secretary of State to the Italian Chargé d'Affaires

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, February 28, 1913

No. 380

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note (No. 1704) of October 30, 1912, by which, under instruction from your Government, you informed me that in view of the cessation of the special régime formerly

enjoyed by foreigners in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica by virtue of the Capitulations of the Ottoman Empire, the necessary instructions have been issued to the Royal authorities in Libya in order that, from November 1st, 1912, the dispositions of the general law should be forthwith applied to foreigners, under the reserve of providing for the settlement of all pending questions by eventual accords and further dispositions.

In taking note of this communication, I have the honor to inform you that the appropriate diplomatic and consular representatives of this Government have now been instructed to conform to the legal situation thus established in Libya.

I take this occasion further to inform you that the American Consulate at Tripoli will henceforth be administered as subordinate to the Consulate General at Genoa, under the supervision of the American Embassy at Rome. It is assumed that it will not be necessary to make application for a new exequatur for the Consul who has been exercising his functions at Tripoli since before the occupation of Libya by the Italian forces.

Accept [etc.]

P. C. KNOX